

< 400BC

The Greeks developed a catapult

Some were small enough for crossbow use.

It appears from the archaeological record, that the use of the crossbow continued unbroken in Europe from classical times to its period of greatest popularity (11th cen → 16th cen).

400 BC

The dated solar eclipse of 481 BC

400BC

Confucius in China

400 BC

Late Preclassic Maya

400 BC

Originality passed to the opposite end of Eurasia. Inhabitants of China had cast-iron plowshares at least by 400 BC, 18 centuries before Europeans attained the high furnace temperatures needed for casting iron. Iron in China had the advantage of a high phosphorus content, which lowered the melting point of the iron.

4th Century BC

The Romans divided their day into two parts.

1) Before midday (ante meridiem)
A.M.

2) After midday (P.M.) (Post meridiem)

an assistant to the consul was assigned to notice when the Sun crossed the meridian, and to announce it in the Forum. Since

always had to appear in the courts
before noon.

Eventually they made peace
with us. But by drinking and
drinking with the boys: only money
(more) and freedom (ante meridian):
afternoon (de munda) and evening (supra)

102-182 1st
20-210 2nd
302-220 3rd
412-374 4th

400 BC

Every citizen of military age was liable to service and received no pay until 396 BC

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Extending power of
Demetrius and Sicily